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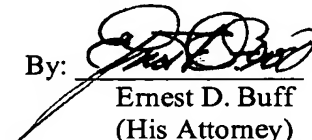
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is a division of parent application Serial No. 09/828,330. New claim 16 corresponds to old claim 25, which was added to the parent application by preliminary amendment dated August 8, 2001 and was subject to a restriction requirement dated June 6, 2002 in that application. Old claim 25, as well as old claims 26-27, dependant thereon, were non-elected and cancelled from the parent application. New claims 17 – 23 are directly or indirectly dependent on claim 16. New claim 16 (as well as claims 17 – 23 which are dependent thereon) and new claim 24 (as well as claims 25 – 30 which are dependent thereon and define substantially the same category of matter as new claims 16 – 23), have been added to provide adequate coverage for applicant's contribution.

It is submitted that new claims 16 – 30 patentable define over the art of record in the parent application, and are in allowable condition. Accordingly, allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

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